



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and I am so pleased to be able to teach you all in Year 1, seeing as I did not get a chance to teach you for very long in Reception. We have already enjoyed a great week in Year 1 where we are currently working in a similar way to Reception but are slowly introducing Year 1 work according to your child/ren's ability.

Year 1 Topics

The topics we will study this term are:

Autumn 1 Earth and Space

History

We are starting the year using the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers where an element is focusing on Outer Space. The children will be exploring the different features of space which will lead onto learning about the moon landing with Neil Armstrong.

Geography

Again, following on from our book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers there is another element which focuses on the Earth. The children will be exploring about where we live namely, Earth, Europe, Great Britain, London Borough of Croydon, Purley, and looking at the seven continents of the world and the five oceans.

English

We will be studying English through texts, our focus texts will be: 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, 'The Man on the Moon' and 'A Day in the Life of Bob' by Simon Bartram, 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and 'Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. These books will allow us to look at and write in many different genres including fiction, non-fiction and focus on the quality of their writing.

In Phonics we are going to be revising the set 2 sounds: ay/ee/igh/ow/oo/oo/ar/or/air/ir/ou/oy. For those children who are ready to move on they will learn the set 3 sounds which involves learning more ways of writing the same sound e.g. /ee/ as in 'tree' and /ea/ as in 'treat'.

In grammar this term, our first objectives will be ensuring children are using finger spaces, full- stops and capital letters in the correct way.

Maths

We will begin with place value within 10. This will include counting and representing objects. We will work on counting forwards and backwards and will learn one more and one less than a given number. Our focus will then be on counting with one to one correspondence and we will then become familiar with and learn to use a number line. Next, we will progress onto addition and subtraction within 10. It would greatly be appreciated if the children are regularly being exposed to number by finding numbers in their local

environment and writing numbers at home as well as in school. If you feel your child is ready they could begin to learn their number bonds e.g. $3+2=5$, $4+1=5$ or $6+4=10$, $3+7=10$ etc.

RE

We have two RE topics for Autumn Term 1 they are

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| Domestic church – family | FAMILIES |
| Baptism/Confirmation – belonging | BELONGING |

We will also spend a week on looking at another religion during this term.

Science

Our first science topic is 'Ourselves'. In this topic the children will learn about the different parts of our body and progress onto senses. The children will experience using their different senses throughout our science lessons.

PE

Our class PE sessions are with Coach Ashley on Tuesday morning. Please ensure children come in wearing appropriate PE kit on Tuesdays for the foreseeable future.

Art/DT

Our art topic is called 'Colour Creations'. This topic involves the children experiencing mixing colours and using lots of colour in pieces of artwork. The media we will be mostly using will be paint during this topic. Our DT topic is called 'Homes'. This topic involves building structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

Book change day:

At present, because of the risk of cross infection, we are not sending books home. We will be reviewing this regularly.

Spelling test day:

Spellings will be issued on a Friday with homework (accessed by google classroom) and will focus on the phonic sounds that we have worked on during the week. Please ensure the children are regularly practicing these spellings at home.

The test will be conducted on the following Thursday.

Homework:

Homework will be accessed from google classroom using their logins. Homework will be set weekly, on a Friday and will be due in by the **Wednesday of the following week**. Homework will consist of weekly spellings, a phonic activity and either a piece of English or Maths homework. Children should also be reading daily at home.

We are already looking forward to a great half term!

Best wishes

Mrs C Chandler, Mrs J Inman and Mrs E Stradling.